

Hispanic Population Soars



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Music and dancing are often part of Hispanic festivals.

The face of the United States is changing. Hispanic Americans, also known as Latinos, make up the fastest-growing group. The latest U.S. **census** update shows that 41 million people are Hispanic. A census is a count of people.

Hispanic Americans are people whose families are from Spanish-speaking countries. Most of those countries are in Central and South America.

Nearly 297 million people live in the United States today. One of every seven people in our country is Hispanic!

The news comes just in time for Hispanic Heritage Month. It takes place each year from September 15 to October 15. During this time, Americans honor Hispanic history and customs. Many families celebrate by taking part in festivals and parades.